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\$45,000,000 IN **NEW PORK RAID** ON U.S. FUNDS

Reclamation Bill Would Enrich Landown ers in the South.

MONEY TO BE SPENT ALONG MISSISSIPPI

16,000,000 Acres in Four States Planned to Be Reclaimed.

PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE VAST GRAB

to Seize Uncle Sam's Millions.

"pork" in retail quantities through those old familiar measures, the omnibus pubharbors bill, to which THE SUN has called attention, has come nowhere near satisfying the ravenous appetite of the

for the benefit of the owners at the expense of Northern taxpayers, who pay 35 per cent of the income and corporation taxes. "Why should we care? We get the benefit and the Northerners pay the taxes." That seems to be the railying cry of the Democratic Congressmen from the South.

Only Two Items in the Bill.

Unlike the two other "pork" measure now before the present Congress,
this new wholesale "pork" distribution
plan contains but two items. One item
appropriates in effect \$45,000,000 to relaim swamp lands along the Mississippi outh of the Ohio. The other item appropriates \$5,600,000 to control the Sacamento River in California.

Wate private owners of lands along roublesome rivers and creeks in the orthorn States would appear tle same right to the funds in the bubble Treasury in order to increase the value of their property 100 times more, they appear to have been over-The Democrats behind this reclama-

tion scheme have provided that the owners of lands along the Sacramento who are to be benefited in this manner who are to be benefited in this manner shall put up as their share of the ex-pense an amount equal to 50 per cent. of what the Government spends. The owners of this Mississippi land on the other hand are called on to chip in one-third of what the Government

The 16 000,000 acres of Southern real estate which is to be improved at the expense of Northern taxpayers, were worth before this scheme seemed likely but wouldn't tell how the blaze started.

If accomplishment from 50 cents to \$20 A half burnt match was found in the n acre. The engineers' reports show at the average value of the reclaimed nd will be at least \$100 an acre. Should this bill go through, th 900 000 acres as the result of this form of paternalism will be worth to the owners \$1,600,000,000. And to obtain this the private owners of this land will not have to put up more than \$10,rest of the bill.

Merely a Beginning.

It is estimated that there are 77,000, eee acres of land in this country that might be reclaimed. Doubtless much of this will form the basis of future "pork" alls of this new type. But the Southerners in Congress have taken steps to get heirs first. Four States will get 95 heirs first. Four States will get 52 becomes a law, will take out of he Federal Treasury. The only money repriated for the Sacramento project This Southern real estate scheme by which swamp lands are to be turned to rice and cotton fields for the benefit their owners at the expense of the lovernment, will cost the Government much more than the \$45,000,000 appropriated in the bill. In fact that is

nort of a gigantic promotion scheme o enrich the individuals fortunate tough to possess this land with the 'nited States Government carrying the

Speculation in Progress. Under this scheme the Mississippl fiver is to be sluiced between high levees all the way from Cairo south and made much narrower than it is lo-day. These levees, constructed, it is cement if they are to stand, and this will raise the cost to more than \$200,100,000. It is the land behind these pro100,000 leves, now virtually usoless,
which will jump in value the moment
the bill becomes a law and thus bring Speculation in this tand has been go-

Speculation in this land has been going on now for some time. Behind this bill has been a carefully engineered publishes been a carefully engineered publish. Fr. "N.Y. & Florida Special" leaves I ill Jan. 198. "N.Y. & Florida Special" leaves I ill P. M. Daily. Atlantic Coast Line, 1198 B way.

TALK OF BOND ISSUE

Taxes Also to Be Increased on Beer, Whiskey and Cigarettes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- Issuance of \$125 300,000 of Panama Canal bonds, increased income and estate taxes, additional taxes on whiskey, beer, cigarettes and bottled waters and higher tariff duties on coffee and tea are proposed in a tentative programme to be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee when it begins framing revenue legislation to meet the prospective deficit of \$370,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year.

\$270,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year.

The committee will undertake its task soon after Congress reconvenes next week. There are intimations that the President may decide to address Congress soon to outline how he thinks the necessary money could be ruised.

The President is understood to oppose bond issues except for extraordinary emergencies. Bpeaker Clark believes that an extra session will be necessary to consider revenue measures unless it is possible to meet the deficit by a bond issue and income tax increases. Some of the tax increases proposed are \$1.25 instead of \$1.30 per gallon on whiskey, \$2 instead of \$1.50 per barrel on beer and a sufficient increase on cigarettes to bring in from \$16,000,000 to \$18,000,600.

Promoters Busy in Trying C. CRAIG COLT WED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 -- Outaining Bride Miss Margaret Mac-Donald-On Honeymoon for 2 Months in West.

Southern Congressmen, now dominating Craig Colt, wealthy New Yorker and member of the Union, Tuxedo and other The Democratic statesmen of the South | clubs, was married two months ago to through the flood reclamation bill, which | Miss Margaret MacDonald, a trained bus already pessed the House and has nurse of this city who took care of him just been reported to the Senate by a during a recent illness. Since that time Cabot Ward, singing with a vigor that committee controlled absolutely by the two have been on a wedding journey proved the city administration to be not destitute of music. Around and about through Southern California. The secret Southern Senators, have aimed more through Southern California. The secret boldly at the Federal Treasury than was revealed when an intimate friend of through either of the other two measures. the bridegroom, who was with him at Ostensibly a plan to control the Miss- the time and who took a pledge of silence Octoasibly a plan to control the Missible points of the fire and who took a pledge of silence for two months, made it known.

Mr. Colt is a member of the family of firearms manufacturers and a son of the late Robert O. Colt, once well sure in spite of the intreatened deficit and spent for the benefit of the private owners of 16,000,000 acres of land in four of the Southern Sintes.

This land is to be reclaimed largely for the benefit of the owners at the expense of Northern languages, who pay

Miss MacDonald, it is understood, went

to Babylon several months ago to nurse him. When they became engaged it was decided, in order to avoid publicity, that they should go to New Jersey to be mar-ried and then go West unannounced.

Police Animal Finds Jail Ablaze and Woman Pris-

SAVES GIRL FROM FIRE

oner Near Death. STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 26 .- Fritz, the Belgian police dog, pursues human crim-inals by day and rats at night. Every evening Patrolman Dennis Reardon, who doubles as janitor of the Stamford

acrimmage with the rats.

The moment the dog in his tour of duty, reached the threshold of the wonten's quarters last night he began to bark. The janitor, hopping upstairs bark. The janitor, nopping upstairs, found the rooms full of smoke. He charged into the only occupied cell, and there was Julia Rogers lying unconscious on a burning mattrees. The fire was within eight inches of her head.

She came to in the Stamford Hospital, but wouldn't tell how the blaze started. Miss Rogers was under arrest charge with taking a pair of shoes and a ring from her sister, Mrs. Clement Currier of 5 Bell Court. Thanks to Fritz, she

U. S. TUG RAMS BATTLESHIP.

Tender Sonoma Tears a Big Hole in the Delaware.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 26 .- As she trying to make her way into the harbor the Atlantic fleet tender Sonoma, probthe Atlantic neet tender sonoma, prob-ably the most powerful tug in the American navy, tore a six foot hole in the stern of the battleship Delaware this afternoon. In trying to avoid hitting other warships moored near by the Sonoma struck the Delaware a solid blow. Her bows cut through the plating of the battleship above the water line. The Sonoma's bows were considerably damaged. The Delaware was to sail on

WIFE DIVORCES G. R. VENABLE.

Naval Paymester With Cruelty.

was sued for on the ground of cruelty which forced her to leave him. She mentioned a time shortly after their baby was born when, she said, her husband had struck her in the face. The suit was not contested, but the defendant was

Admiral Dewey, 79, Celebrates. WARHINGTON, Dec. 26.—George Dewey, the Admiral of the Navy and here of Manila Bay, celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday to-day. Many visitors came to pay their respects to the Admiral, who is in fine health, including Secretary Daniels, the chiefs of the bureaus and other officials of the Navy Department.

HEAR 'MESSIAH' 48 HOURS MORE

Celebration Precedes Indoor Chorus.

MADISON SQUARE AGLOW WILSON LOSES PATIENCE

Loses Its Voice, but Sing's "Silent Night."

Diana, atop Madison Square Garden, trance to that old hall. She has seen ago that President Wilson would sumthe thousands flock there for prize fights marily terminate the conference of the and for suffrage balls, for charity ba- joint Mexican-American commission it mare and political railies, for horse First Chief Carranza refused to sign the shows and the circus, but no attraction. protocol drawn up in Philadelphia is neither Roosevelt nor President Wilson now about to be put to the test. nor Slivers, the clown, ever brought a Garden last night to hear the Community Chorus sing "The Messiah."

The performance was a part of the with a big open air festival in Madison Square Park, where the seventy-five foot SECRETLY TO NURSE high tree stands, a-glitter with color and light. Thousands of men, women and children, massed in the pathways, joined with the chorus of 1,000, which, standing on and around the band stand, rendered old time Christmas carols, conducted by Harry H. Harnhart, for a

quarter of an hour.

At 8 o'clock the chorus descended from
the stand and, with the Boy Scouts
marching alongside, making a movable
gangway with their wands held horizontally, end to end, they proceeded to
the Garden, singing Arthur Farwell's
"March! March!" as they walked.

Augela Hover Round About.

Mr. Barnhart led the line, and be-side him marched Park Commissioner the melodious procession hovered the in an overcoat and slouch hat and one in an overcoat and slouch hat and one in a feathered hat and jacket—the angels who have brought the "Tree of Light" into being year after year, but will never be named aloud as anything

but "the committee."

Guarded by the scouts and policemen, the chorus entered the Garden, and after them the deluge. Thousands upon thousands, up to the full capacity of the place—and it holds, even with the top gallery cut off as it was last night, s.000 persons—they poured in. Panting with an eagerness which should forever silence the notion that New York doesn't care for good music, the typical New York audience just poured in. but "the committee.

Oratorio Lure of Thousands.

Cynics might have said that the fact that the performance was free had something to do with it, but getting to have informed officials in Mexico that something for nothing couldn't have heen the lure that kept the audience in its seats, closely attentive, all through the oratorio. For though a few lieft hetween numbers, they were not left between numbers, they were not enough to make any difference in the CABRERA MAKES DENIAL vast sea of faces that turned toward the great stage, built in at the east end of the Garden, where the chorus sat. An audience typical of New York it surely was. Women from the tenements shawls over their heads hurried along side by side with women in opera cloaks. An old white haired man with one empty sleeve, plainly a civil war veteran, followed some cherry cheeked high school girls. An old negro crept in and asked if there was a sent for him, receiving the hearty answer, "Seats

Rich and Poor in Vast Throng. Mothers with their sons, young men ust back from the border, in khaki. athers and mothers with their little

children, rich and poor, richly clad and shabby, young and old, all came hurry-There were blind people, led by their

The captain of the Twenty-first police early in December, was said to be a reprecinct, there on guard with some of his men, was stirred to enthusiasm by the democratic outpouring Rushing into the building just before the music began, he threw his arm around the shoulders of one of the Tree of Light angels—the one in the overcoat and slouch hat—is not so. There have been no ultimand cried:

A Study in Black and White.

The chorus massed on the stage made atudy in black and white. The women in white dresses occupied the centre and the men in their black suits flanked them on either side. Three songs pre-ceded the oratorio: "America," in which the audience was asked to join stand-

in "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted."

The bad acoustics of the place reduced the volume of sound of course, making it far less impressive than it would have been in Carnegie Hall, but it rang sweet and true, and no Carnegie Hall audience could have been as impressive as the

Mayol Paymaster With Cruelty.

Mrs. Marion McHarg Venable, daugher of Henry K. McHarg, received a discrete from George R. Venable, Paymaster, U. R. N., in Bridgeport last Friday, Come All Ye Faithful" and "Hark, the t was learned yesterday in Stamford. Hersid Angels Sing." It was then that conn. where Mrs. Venable is now living. Mr. Barnhart realized the difficulties of Judge Gager signed the decree, which a conductor of the people's music and a conductor of the people's music and at the end of his struggles he could have most feelingly paraphrased a popu-lar saw to this effect: "You can lead the people to a concert, but you cannot "Now."

Crowd Hit by Stage Fright.

New York was immediately seized with that acute bashfulness which afficts it when asked to do anything like that in public. A feeble response was heard here and there from the floor and balconies, but the result was so continued to the conductor asked in despair. that the conductor asked in despair "I wonder if you could hear yourself? Now watch me!" he roared, waving his baton violently, "and see if you can't make a little more noise. Don't be

Impressive Tree of Light Commission to Be Dissolved Unless Satisfactory

Reply Comes.

Big Bashful Audience Nearly Drastic Mexican Policy Likely if First Chief Fails to Sign Protocol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- The pred ction

It is said authoritatively that the Press ECONOMIC UNION more eager multitude than packed the ident's patience is exhausted, and that unless a satisfactory reply from the Mexican First Chief is immediately forthcoming the long drawn out negotiations Tree of Light" celebration, and began of the commission will be declared a fail-

> It was stated early to-day that a reply must be forthcoming before midnight or the commission would be dissolved Later, when it was seen that the reply would probably not be here, it was said that unless Carranza replied within the next forty-eight hours the commission probably would be dissolved.

apparently seeking to ascertain how much longer he can play horse with the United States Government, The Mexican commissioners are in New York, and Secretary Lane, chairman of the Amersection, has been expecting all day to hear some word from them which would keep the usefulness of the commission alive. So far as known no word had been received up to a late hour. The difficulty is that Carranga ap-parently is playing his political game just as far as this Government will per-He desires to frustrate the aims of the Washington Government wherever he believes it will be to his own political advantage in Mexico, but on the other hand he apparently does not

wish an open break in the negotiations. His present bickering is described as prompted by his belief that the United States will, as usual permit the endless opera bouffe to go on.

But the President is now convinced that the whole proposition, so far as the recent negotiations are concerned, is becoming farcical. He wants an acreement with Carranga at almost any price but he realizes that Carranga is taking shrewd advantage of this. The most likely solution would be, it is explained. to convince Carranza that the United States is in deadly earnest when it says he must sign the protocol or reject it

and end the parleys.

Says No Time Limit Has Been Set for Signing Protocol.

Luis Cabreta, head of the Mexican of delegation in the joint commission in created to readjust relations between w pecial need of haste in completing the negotiations he and his colleagues have been engaged in since last Scatember. He repudiated a printed report that the Mexicans had been limited to twenty-four hours within which to give Gen. Carranga's acceptance of the protocol orawn up by the commission.

drawn up by the commission The next move is not to be expected from (ien. Carranza," he said. "He aiready has made his move. I have been

constant communication with Ger Carranga, and I can say that there is nothing in our communications that changes the situation from that which There were blind people, led by their friends. There were deaf men and changes the situation from that which women, wearing contrivances for hearing at their ears. There were lame States commissioners, he said.

Senor Cabrera refused to be questioned. people. limping eagerly along.

If any element preponderated it was browser, on the nature of the Caranga bowever, on the nature of the Caranga browser, which when it was brought here tent faces, music toying Italians and to the Mexican city by Alberti J. Pani, one of the Mexican representatives.

d cried:
"Isn't this great! Firest crowd I ever want time had been set for us. We are not limited. So far as I know there has not limited. So far as I know there has Germany, whose submarine piracy, been no change of the plan of your rep-says, is, if anything, more gently de-

reachtatives to resume the negotiations on January 2. I can't say whether they will be held here or in Philadelphia." Senor Cabrera was saked if the recent visit of Mexican financiers had any re-lation to the \$50,000,000 loan that has been proposed for Mexico.

commission has not talked of ing: "March!" And "Joy! the loan. That will not come grow the same thandel's have finished our work. I have finished our work. I wonderful overture, and then the tenors wonderful overture, and then the tenors the commission altogether."

SAN LUIS POTOSI TAKEN.

Captured by Villa, According to El Paso Reports.

Et. Paso, Tex., Dec. 26 - A report was received late to-day by sources known to be close to Vilia, and by Government agents, that Villa's forces captured San Luis Potosi yesterday. Many foreigners who left Torreon before Villa attacked that town recently went to San Luis Potosi. The foreigners who remained in Torreon are being protected by Villa.

San Luis Potosi is southeast of Torteon, on the National railroad line be-

tween Aguascalientes and Tampico. l'ampleo a believed to be Villa's ob-ective, in order to obtain a port through which he can import supplies. Villa was Germany. An overwhelming majority reported to be between Torreon and consider that the formulation of terms Chihuahua, preparing to attack Chihuab by the Allies will be possible only when hua soon. He has apparently cut Car-

In anticipation of this attack, Gen. Prancisco Murguia was reported to have ordered Gen. Francisco Gonzales, for-mer commander in Juarez, to proceed south at once to reenforce the Chihua-

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TO MEET BIG DEFICIT 8,000 IN GARDEN CARRANZAGETS BERLIN'S REPLY REBUFFS WILSON; IT FAILS TO GIVE PEACE TERMS; ADMINISTRATION IS CHAGRINED

Russia to Continue War Until Decisive Victory Is Won.

FOREIGN MINISTER OUTLINES THE PLANS

has seen many a crowd struggle for en- officials made in THE SUN two weeks. He Declares Empire Stands Solidly With the Allies.

AFTER THE CONFLICT

Military Alliance to Be Consolidated-Polite "No" to Wilson.

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The Russian Foreign Minister, M. Pokrovski, invited the representatives of the press at Petro-The situation has now undoubtedly representatives of the press at Petr-reached an acute stage, with Carranza grad yesterday to an interview at which he outlined his programme and his iceas in regard to the present political situation. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that in general this Ministeriel declaration, which seems to have been meant to take the place of the usual speech before Parliament, consisted of few clear propositions, as follows:

First-There has been no change in the relations between Russia and

or allies. Second—The Minister declared with from assurance that after the war the military alliance of France. England and Russia would be consolidated in

a close economic union.
Third—The war will be continued,
according to this declaration, until a
decisive victory has been won.

M. Pokrovski then discussed the three great questions of the day—the German great questions of the day—the German peace proposals, President Wilson's note and the attitude of Greece. After re-calling the recent Duma declarations in regard to the German peace note, M. Pokrovski passed to the action of Presi-dent Wilson, saying Russia appreciated highly the good will and the lofty, humane motives of the President's note, but he declared it could alter in no way the political situation created by "the in the last twenty-four nours false and hypocritical moves of the Ber- The report from British head

Government. As the note coincided with the German ornment's attitude in regard 1 both questions was one of complete refu at.

Nevertheless, the allied Governments would reply with all possible fulness. They would reference to-day, with results that are described as satisfactory.

Aeroplanes of both the British and said, that they would continue the war until the ravaged territories had been restored an state of affairs in which the assistance of affairs in the vicinity of Guedecourt the British and an introductory note, in which the assistance of a fair in the vicinity and the countri proposals, he said, the ideas of the Russian Government in regard to Mr. Wilson's action were almost analogous with those which had been set forth by the

a state of affairs in which the existence of small nations would be assured and which a new worldwide conflagration

RUSSIAN PRESS VIEWS.

Novoe Vremya" Sees Discrimination in Payor of Germany. Special Cable Despatch to Tax Sex from the

London Times
London, Dec. 27.—A special to the
Times from Petrograd, dated Sunday, The United States Ambassador hunded President Wilson's note to Foreign Min-ister Pokrovski last evening. Russian press comment, while in the main pay-ing a tribute to the lofty humanitarian motives prompting the move, is practi-cally unanimous in the conclusion that the moment chosen by President Wilson

for his action was inopportune. "For once the Novce Vremya and the Reich find themselves aligned in sympa-thetic treatment of the note, though the former treats it with greater ceremony than does the Retch. The Novoe Vremya does not attempt to conceal its that Mr. Wilson should make no distinction between the aims of the two bel ligerent groups. In his profession of ig norance as to the precise nature of those inmistakable discrimination in favor with than England's "absolutely lawful

seizures of American contraband. While thanking Mr. reminder that neutral interests are suf fering the Novoe Vremus asks , what Washington or Lincoln would have re-plied if asked to cease resistance for the sake of neutral interests. They unthe loan. That will not come until we doubtedly would have replied. It says:
have finished our work. In fact, I expect the loan will be discussed outside love for mankind then defend the juscause and help us to establish such con-ditions that a repetition of sanguinary rule by ambitious schemers will become

impossible."
"The feeling of Russia as a whole may be uptly summed up in M. Brusiloff's order of the day to the troops, which states that "the war consists not in doing what the foe wishes you to do." says the Retch.

A Petrograd despatch to the Times under Monday's date says:
"In Parliamentary circles Mr. Wil-

"In Parliamentary circles Mr. Wil-son's note was very coldly received. A majority are convinced that the Pesi-dent's proposal will not create any ground for the beginning of peace ne-"Many parliamentarians hold that Mr.

Wilson, consciously or unconsciously, is acting in Germany's interests. Some even suggest that his action was inspired by hua soon. He has apparently cut Car- Germany ceases to pose as a victor and range's communication by rail with the realizes the futility of continuing present conditions.

> swedish Note Presented LONDON, Dec. 27 (Wednesday) -Daily Telegroph says it understands a

Budly Telegraph says it understands a Swedish note, identical in purport with the note of the Swiss Government con-cerning President Wilson's peace initia-tive, has been presented to the belligerent Governmnts.

Text of German Reply to Wilson

BERLIN, by wireless, Dec. 26 .- Germany and her allies-Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey-to-day replied to the note of President Wilson in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting. The text of Germany's answer, which was handed to James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador,

The high minded suggestion made by the President of the United States of America in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace has been received and considered by the Imperial Government in the friendly spirit which was ex-

pressed in the President's communication. The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of road.

To the Imperial Government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

It begs, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent States at a neutral place.

The Imperial Government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations. It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with

pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this The answer of the Central Powers concludes with the usual dip-

ARTILLERY DUELS LONDON CALLS IT ON FRENCH FRONT DODGING PEACE

British Capital Too Late for

British Aviators Carry On Germany's Reply Received in Bombing Operations Back

lomatic terms of politeness.

age inflicted was comparatively light, Associated Press correspondent at Berlin possible and more or less sporadic raids com- to New York and retransmitted here, did prised the activity on the French front

states that a number of Germans suf- it is printed with great prominence however, in the second editions. fered casualties from machine gun fire

yesterday. Some of the former carried on successful bombing operations back of the German lines, and French aviators shelled the railway station and the proposal so the carried operations are shelled the railway station and the same of the carried operations.

northeast of Armentieres and drove off an enemy working party. The enemy's positions east of Ploegsteert also were raided. Casualties were in flicted upon the enemy and processes were inken In the neighborhood of Lee Bosufs

and Guedecourt we bombarded the enemy trenches during the day with satisfactory results. At other places along the if all ar llery activity has continued On the night of December 21-25 our airplanes carried out successful bomb

ing operations on places of military importance behind the enemy's lines. The French night report read: There was great activity by both ar-tilleries in the sectors of Belloy-cu-Santerre and Fouquescourt. Everythere else the camponade was inter

The Belgian report was as follows The usual artillery activity pre-The German statement reads: On the north bank of the Somme there was temporarily strong artil-lery fire. Elsewhere on the western

and eastern fronts nothing important occurred. In some sectors of the Ypres front on both sides of La Bassee Canal and west of Lens, the activity of the ar-tillery increased. Advances by strong

SOMME FIGHT ENDED. Germans Say Their Positions Are

from Amsterdam to-day says: d. A "German newspapers are being in-structed to assert that the Somme bat-any the has been finished. They say the German position is now stronger than on July 1, and that benind the foremost German lines are more than a dozen very strong defence lines."

almost complete cessation of fighting on he Somme front during the last four recks has enabled the Germans to comwhole front, says the military critic of Passengers arriving to-night on a

there on July 1 may now be considered tumber killed and injured.

"We saw furniture in tree tops," said that the fact of the Germans being en- one passenger. "Wires were blown down, months offensive by the Entents forces were in vain, as, if it is desired to re-sume the attack, it must be begun all over again as in the beginning.

ARE WAVED ASIDE

Impracticable Until Present Is Ended.

EXECUTIVE SAID

Publication of Answer Before Receipt by U. S. Also Irritates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. - Germany's reply to President Wilson's proposal to the belligerents of Europe came as a shock to the Administration. It fails to meet the President's suggestion that the belligerents state the aims for which they are fighting and it punctures the academic glamour of the American notes by putting the prevention of future wars on a practical basis. Summed up the German note is regarded here as indorsing the President's suggestions, but declining to take seriously his idealistic plans. Germany in effect says "we must end the present struggle before building castles in the air." And the feature of the German plan is to summon a ence of representatives of all the bel-

Bernstorff to Confirmed.

of the German lines, and French and actors schelled the railway station and barracks at Nesla and German encampments in the Chapitre wood and at Ourscamp.

Berlin reports the repeated repulse of advances by strong British patrols on the Ypres front.

Tought's report from British headquarters follows:

Some fifty Germans approached our lines last night in the neighborhood of Les Boeufs. Eighteen of them were taken prisoner and the remainder suffered heavy casualties from our machine gun fire.

The German reply has, according to diplomats here, one feature which reconference, it may be assumed, apart of the war can be terminated by the Allies is likely to be taken until the conference, it may be assumed, apart from any other considerations, that German would have the conference and the remainder suffered heavy casualties from our machine gun fire.

Therefore the fact that the German reply does not specifically mention terms is not necessarily regarded as constituting an insurant male obstacle.

The German reply has, according to diplomats here, one feature which reconsiderations, that German would have conference and the remainder suffered heavy casualties from our machine gun fire. change of views will not probably materialize.

The Daily Telegraph commenting on the imperial conference says:

The Allies are very far from committing the mistake of not considering among themselves the conditions of peace for which they propose to obtain the only effectual guarantee. These deliberations are not of a kind to be concluded in haste. We have not willed to have premature peace and we do not mean to have it. Our enemies have willed such a peace and are making every possible effort to force one as the only alternative to final defeat. They have failed to disarm any of their intended victims by military means. Certainly they will not do so by the exercise of diplomacy."

TOPNADO IN ARKANSAS

TORNADO IN ARKANSAS

Storm Sweeps Path Four Miles Wide in South Central Portion of State.

Larren Rock, Ark. Dec. 26 -From officials point out that the President seventeen to seventy persons were killed must now agree to regard his note purely in a tornado that struck south central as an appendix to the German peace pro-Arkansas this afternoon, according to reports received here to-night. Four are known to be dead at England, seventeen are reported killed at Keo, and several are reported killed at the State convict

farm at Tucker. LONDON, Dec. 26 - A Reuter despatch down. The tornado is said to have swept a path about four miles wide, and it is reported that several fires broke out in the wreckage. Every physician in the little town of Ingland has gone to the country to care for the injured.

Considerable alarm is felt over the situation at the State convict farm at Tucker, where there is said to have been BERLIN, by Wireless, Dec 26.- The a heavy death list. There are about 325

the Overseas News Agency in an article train that passed through the storm area to-day.

He says the great battle that began had no authentic information on the lit is said that officials here regarded.

that the fact of the Germans being trees uprooted or suspend off, and the abled to reconstruct their line means trees uprooted or suspend off, and the shelf that all the efforts and losses of the five ground was covered with wreckage, that all the efforts and losses of the five ground was covered with wreckage.

"At Kew we heard a report that a negro settlement near there had been wiped out and that seventeen negroes

German Officials Indicate Conditions May Be Confided in Secret.

PRESIDENT'S IDEALS

Prevention of Wars Held

TO BE SHOCKED

British Capital Too Late for ence of representatives of all the belligerents to discuss peace proposals.

Extensive Comment.

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Count von Bernstoff, the German Ambassador, informed This Sun on December 12 that the crux of the German Peace proposal was to call a conference at The Hague or at some other neutral place about the middle of January and peace question, as transmitted by the peace question, as transmitted by the peace proposal was to call a conference at The Hague or at some other neutral place about the middle of January and place about the middle of January and place about an exchange of views as to

in the last twenty-four nours ment or even for insertion in the earliest along precisely this line. The reason morning editions of the London papers, which prompts Germany to decline to state terms openly is the reason which Count von Bernstorff has emphasised. It is that Germany feels it is impossible

licit answer."
It is a coincidence that Great Britain's line of Germany's terms in confidence. Therefore the fact that the German re-

The British, Russian and French opinons as communicated to this Government have all harped on the impracticability of President Wilson's plans, but thave given the impression that the plans, the many peace, virtually in support of the German peace, virtually in support of the German peace pleas. Now comes Germany with the same criticism of the

Wilson notes. posals or consider the German reply non-responsive and a rejection. To conform to the German idea as contained in the note of to-day he must regard his notes to the Powers as suggesting a "peace conference to end the war." This

s precisely what Germany in her note to her enemies proposed. The German reply serves only to emplaced before the eyes of the world and brings prominently to the fore the im-mediate danger of the President ac-knowledging the failure of his efforts by informing Germany that the reply is un

At the State Department there was a heavy death list. There are about a prisoners at the farm. Capt. J. R. Burkett, warden of the State penitentiary, note. This disappointment tanged from to-night took reenforcements for the guard at Tucker. the fact that Germany had made this as a breach of diplomatic etiquette. President Wilson might have desired not to have the note published at present, it is said: and, besides, diplomatic courtes:

demands that notes be withheld from the general public until the Government to which they are addressed has had time to consider them. It is pointed out that the President's